



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 22 January 2018

Badminton/Table Tennis KS4 Latin **Chamber Choir** Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in **Y9 Textiles Club** Y7 Boys Football Girls Football School Show Rehearsals Science Club Y12 Young Enterprise Philosophy Club Spanish Film Club Homework Club

Wednesday

Y8&9 Football Sixth Form Girls Netball **Indoor Girls Cricket** Orchestra Folk Band Digital Leaders Flying Start Homework Club

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football Girls Basketball Programming **Craft Club** Jazz Band French Film Club Junior Jazz Band Public Speaking Club Homework Club

KS4&5 Composition Workshop

All clubs run from 3:15-4:30pm with the exception of KS4 Latin which finishes at 5:20pm, and Philosophy Club which runs from 3:10-4:00pm

Words from the Headteacher

It's been said before, "Its cold outside." We have very limited internal space, and because of this we have to ask our students to spend lunch and break times outside regardless of the temperature, so please encourage your children to come to school with warm coats, hats and scarves.

We are reviewing the way we manage our students during lunch and break time and once we have waded through all the issues of health and safety and the efficient and effective use of our buildings, we may come up with a system that allows our students to come in out of the cold. Until then however, it's wrap up warm; there's more cold weather on the way, I am sure.

Of course, the irony is that amongst the headlines for the week is news that we have just experienced the hottest san El Nino year ever. A tip based on experience; don't discuss this in the presence of an MFL teacher and a geography teacher. The latter will launch into a lengthy diatribe about a weather system with global reach, whilst the former will believe they are engaged in a conversation about a little boy!

This week I had the pleasure of hosting a number of Headteachers from some of our feeder primary schools. I feel immensely proud of the feedback about BFS they gave me. They talked of a calm and purposeful school, a place where they are happy to send their young students onto. For me the favourite the comment was, "I have never had so many doors opened for me."

Those Headteachers' comments reminded me, that amongst the ever-pressing business of preparing young people for examinations, our other core purpose is to help you, the parents, to develop kind, considerate, and responsible young people who care about others as well as themselves. Our students, your children, are glowing proof that we are serving that core purpose very well indeed.

> **Ben Sillince Acting Headteacher**

See over for an update on the sights seen on the recent trip to Oxford for our artists





Appointments during school time

Please remember to keep us in the loop about medical appointments that must take place during the school day, and if they will not return after it has taken place.

On return to school, they should be coming through the gate on Concorde Drive, not through the car park.

Named belongings

Teenagers are notoriously forgetful beings. It makes it much easier to reunite them with their misplaced belongings if their name has been installed on it somewhere; please make sure all belongings taken to school are identifiable.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 22 January 2018	GCSE Chemistry resit, AM
Tuesday 23 January 2018	Y9 Girls Computer Science Workshop
	U14 & U16 Girls Football vs St Bede's—away
	Y9 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away
Wednesday 24 January 2018	GCSE Physics resit, AM
	Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House
	Y8 & Y10 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away
Thursday 25 January 2018	Y9 & Y11 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away
	Finance, Buildings and Premises Governors Meeting
	Staffing and Development Governors Meeting
Friday 26 January 2018	GCSE Physics resit, AM

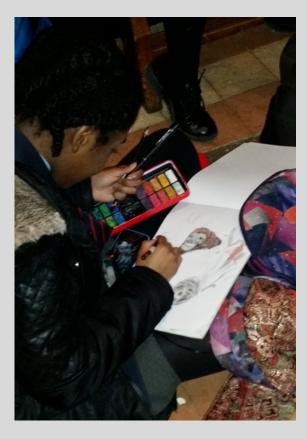
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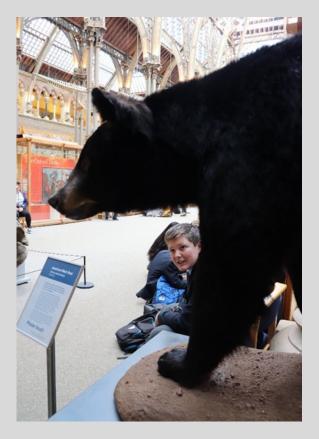
The expedition dates for the Gold practice expedition have changed slightly. The expedition will now run from 18-22 July. If your child has any questions regarding any of the DofE levels please encourage them to attend the DofE drop in session on Tuesday during tutor time.

Art Trip to Oxford

KS4 and KS5 Art students had the wonderful opportunity to visit Oxford for the day, visiting the Museum of Modern Art and the Pitt Rivers Museum. Students engaged with the large scale vibrant works of Nicholas Party, who they will study further in relation to their current scheme of work on Natural Forms.

At the Pitt Rivers museum students had the opportunity to draw from artefacts that caught their imagination and of which they could draw inspiration from to take back to the classroom.





Date for the Diary

Year 8 Subject Evening will take place on Thursday 1 February. Appointment sheets will be given to students in the coming weeks; we look forward to welcoming you.





